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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### The Opium Trade

IT would be interesting to know how Mr. Harry Anslinger, the United States Federal Narcotics Commissioner, is able to estimate that China is responsible for 65 per cent of the world's illicit opium traffic. He claims that the United Nations has received "evidence" of enormous shipments from China. But he will need to be much more explicit if he expects that allegation to be believed.

He goes on to quote Nationalist China's view that this alleged trade is being used to finance purchases of strategic materials. But can Taipei be regarded as a wholly reliable authority on this subject and should its information be accepted by the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs for the compilation of official reports?

CERTAINLY Mr. Anslinger is entitled to his suspicions, but in his capacity as head of the UN Narcotics Commission he is being neither fair nor objective when he states what appear to be either his own or someone else's political prejudices as proven facts.

Mr. Anslinger says that China "appears to be acting alone" in its opium trade. He says that Russia and the European satellites have been most co-operative in helping to stamp out opium traffic. But before Mr. Anslinger can suggest that China is defying United Nations attempts to curtail this trade he must be asked whether the UN has made any approach to Peking to enlist its co-operation.

THE real reason why Far East opium supplies continue to flood world markets is that the UN has not taken strong enough action against the worst known offenders who are also UN members. What it ought to do is to seek the co-operation of China, Burma and Thailand to track down the source of these supplies and the morphine factories which they feed.

That will mean sidestepping diplomatic niceties, ignoring the fact that China is not a member of the UN and getting Governments concerned to take positive action to clear the ill-administered border areas of their deadly crop.

# FRENCH PREMIER SHOULD OBTAIN

## MARGIN

### Narrow Victory Expected

Paris, June 23.

POLITICAL observers here forecast a narrow victory for the 10-day-old government of M. Maurice Bourges-Maunoury when the National Assembly meets tomorrow for a vote of confidence on emergency taxes forming part of the Government's austerity plan.

They thought the 42-year-old Radical leader might get a majority of 20 to 40 votes, depending on how many Conservative deputies allow their unwillingness to start a new cabinet crisis to overcome their dislike of new taxes.

M. Bourges-Maunoury is certain only of the 100 Socialist votes and about 70 or 80 from his own Radical Party and other centre groups.

He is certain of the opposition of the 150 Communists and supporters and the 37 deputies of the anti-tax Poujadist group. One indication that the Conservatives might decide to swallow the pill came yesterday from a leading Conservative, Senator Roger Duchet, who said they were willing to "vote any measures, even unpopular ones, provided they are effective."

### Plane Crash

Port Hardy, BC, June 23. A Pacific Airlines plane with 18 persons aboard crashed in flames while attempting to take off from the airport here this afternoon.

Five persons aboard the DC-3 were reported to have survived the crash, which occurred as the plane was starting to gain altitude on a regular flight out of the airport on the Northern tip of Vancouver Island.

The RCAF immediately dispatched two Dakota aircraft to the scene with a doctor and a nurse aboard.—United Press.

### MANTA RAY CAUGHT AT BIG WAVE

Chinese fishermen caught a 11-foot Manta ray at Big Wave Bay yesterday afternoon.

This was reported this morning by a Colony resident, Mr. A. S. Dower.

Mr. Dower said there were two junks lying off the beach and it appeared that the Manta was caught from one of these.

At about 7.15 p.m., as the beach began to clear, the fishermen rowed a sampan to shore towing the ray behind.

Then they beached the ray. Mr. Dower said when he left soon after it was still there.

The catching of the ray was the climax of an exciting afternoon. The shark bell sounded four or five times.

"It seemed to be dingling all afternoon," one awlman said.

### SAW FIN

"I am not sure whether they were all sharks. I saw a fin once a good way out but I'm not sure whether it was a shark or Manta. The Manta has a small fin—I noticed it when the Manta was brought to shore," he said.

Big Wave Bay was crowded yesterday afternoon. Two rows of tents lined the beach and during the afternoon they were fully occupied.

But the surf was flat. A porpoise was also reported to have been caught at Big Wave Bay last night.

### New Ghana Governor Appointed

London, June 23. The Earl of Listowel is to be the new Governor-General of Ghana, it was announced from Buckingham Palace tonight.

He will succeed Sir Charles Arden-Clarke.



LORD LISTOWEL

Lord Listowel is one of a small group of Labour statesmen who have been notably identified with the evolution of the post-war Commonwealth.

He was the last British Secretary of State for India— from April 1947 until Britain's transfer of power to India and Pakistan in August of that year. He was the last Secretary of State for Burma— from April, 1947 until Burma received her independence in January 1948.—Reuter.

### HE SOLICITED POLICE INSPECTOR

A Police Inspector standing at the junction of Austin Road and Nathan Road on Sunday night was approached by a man who asked him whether he wanted a girl.

The man said: I can get you a girl of 17, 18, 19 or 25 years of age. Come with me to a hotel and I will fix it up for you.

Inspector G. C. Morgan hailed a passing taxi. They got in and Inspector Morgan told the driver to go to the Yaumatei Police Station.

At Kowloon Court this morning, the man, Ngan Chiu-mo, 25, was fined \$50 by Mr. Derek Cons for soliciting for immoral purpose.

### SHE FALLS FLAT OUT AT SIR WINSTON'S FEET



HM the Queen last week invested Lord Ismay, former Secretary-General of Nato and Lord Middleton, who for 21 years has been Lord Lieut. of the East Riding of Yorkshire, as Knights Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter—at Windsor Castle.

Among those attending the ceremony was Sir Winston Churchill who is 82 and although many onlookers fainted in the terrific heat he appeared to be unaffected—in spite of his age.

Photo shows: Police and ambulance men attend to a woman who fainted—while Sir Winston Churchill looks on from the rear. With him is Lady Churchill.—Keystone Photo.

### PORT SWETTENHAM CARGOES TO BE LEFT IN COLONY

Singapore, June 23.

Shipping agents in Kuala Lumpur said today export cargo destined for Port Swettenham would be left in Hongkong or other ports because of the current nationwide "go-slow" by 7,000 railway workers.

Hongkong trade and freight circles said this morning they had heard nothing about this step taken by the shipping agents in Malaya. Adopted one or two days ago, it was perhaps

too early for the Colony to know that any cargo had been left here because of the go-slow strike, the sources said. Several ships have already been diverted to Singapore to unload cargo, but all such over-carried cargo has been declared "black" by one Singapore dock labourers' union.

Another four unions have decided not to join the boycott on cargo originally destined for Port Swettenham.

Shipping agents said Malaya's other major port, Penang in the north of the rubber and tin-rich peninsula, would not be able to handle all diverted cargoes.

The go-slow campaign has brought heavy losses to several Malayan exporting firms.

It has hit hard at two important Malayan exports—timber and liniment.

Loading priority at Port Swettenham has been given to rubber and tin because of the go-slow.—Reuter.

### MORTAR BOMBS KILL FOUR

Fort Sill, Okla., June 23.

The US Army said today that "several" mortar bombs yesterday fell on a group of soldiers, killing four, during a practice exercise.

It first was reported only one mortar bomb dropped in the midst of Company B, 522nd Infantry Battalion as it charged a hill supported by other units.

An Army spokesman said it had been determined that more than one bomb burst among the 175 men but added it was not known just how many. An investigation was continuing.

Fourteen other soldiers were injured in the accident in full view of some 300 spectators about a mile away from the scene.

The bombs screamed into a Company B platoon as it advanced to capture Adams Hill. The platoon was backed by the 537th Field Artillery Battalion.

One of the dazed survivors said: "We were going up the hill and suddenly there was an explosion. I don't remember what happened."—Reuter.

### 'Whispering Giant' In Colony

The "Whispering Giant," BOAC's new turbo-prop jet liner, arrived here this morning.

It touched down at 11.54 o'clock. The world's largest and fastest jet-prop passenger plane, the new Britannia is on a proving flight to Tokyo in preparation of the new London-Tokyo service which is to open next month.

The Whispering Giant will stay in Hongkong for a few days. It will give demonstration flights on Wednesday, taking the Press and leading members of the community on air trips around Hongkong.

There will be four flights over the Colony on Wednesday: 10 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

### Sentence Changed From Death To Life Imprisonment

CHAN Hon, 30-year-old factory worker sentenced to death for the murder of a fellow worker who died as a result of the Tsun Wan riots last October, had his sentence changed to life imprisonment by the Full Court this morning.

The Court substituted a manslaughter verdict and held that the Trial Judge should have put the question of manslaughter before the Jury.

The Chief Justice, Mr. Justice J. Hogan, and the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice T. J. Gaud, comprised the Full Court.

Chan Hon was sentenced by Mr. Justice C. W. Rees at the Criminal Sessions on April 3, after he had been found guilty by a Special Jury of the murder of Lam Tak-sang.

The evidence was that Lam was among a group of people taken from a trade union building by a mob, and that the appellant was seen to strike Lam on the head with an electric torch which caused him to fall.

### APPEAL GROUNDS

The grounds of appeal alleged misdirection by the Trial Judge in his summing-up.

Mr. V. L. J. Dalton and Mr. H. L. Hu, instructed by P. L. Lam and Co., represented the appellant. Mr. D. B. Crown Counsel, represented the Crown.

Reading the written decision, which took 40 minutes, the Chief Justice reviewed the evidence and the arguments presented by both sides.

It appeared, His Lordship said, that the Trial Judge had withdrawn the question of manslaughter from the Jury.

He said, the Court was disposed to take the view that it was extremely unlikely in this case that the Jury would have returned a verdict of manslaughter, as they regarded the attack by accused as deliberate.

But, Mr. Justice Hogan went on, the Court could not say that the Jury could not have returned such a verdict if it had been open for them to do so.

He said that if a reasonable Jury could have found so, then this should have been open to them, although in the present case it was possible that the verdict of murder even if the question of manslaughter had been left to them to decide.

Advancing the verdict, the Chief Justice said that in the circumstances the Full Court thought that the appropriate sentence should be one of life imprisonment.

### PAK TANG BACK IN CHINA

The 21-ton Pak Tang, a Chinese registered motor vessel, arrived in Tong Ka Wan, Chinese territory, yesterday afternoon, Chinese newspapers reported this morning.

The vessel which sailed into Cheung Chau Harbour on June 12 with a dead man, 35 passengers and a crew of nine and two others on board, belongs to the Kwangtung Sea Products Co., the reports said.

The dead man was identified as Fong Yung, an employee of the Service Department, Chu Hoi, who was alleged to have been beaten to death by the passengers with iron rods and hammers. The reports said another passenger, an employee of Tam Kong Shan Sea Products Distribution Centre, fell into the sea during the scuffle and disappeared.

Another passenger, whose name was given as Wo Chung-yau, chief of the Tam Kong Shan Distribution Centre, was also injured and was among those who returned to Tong Ka Wan, the reports added.

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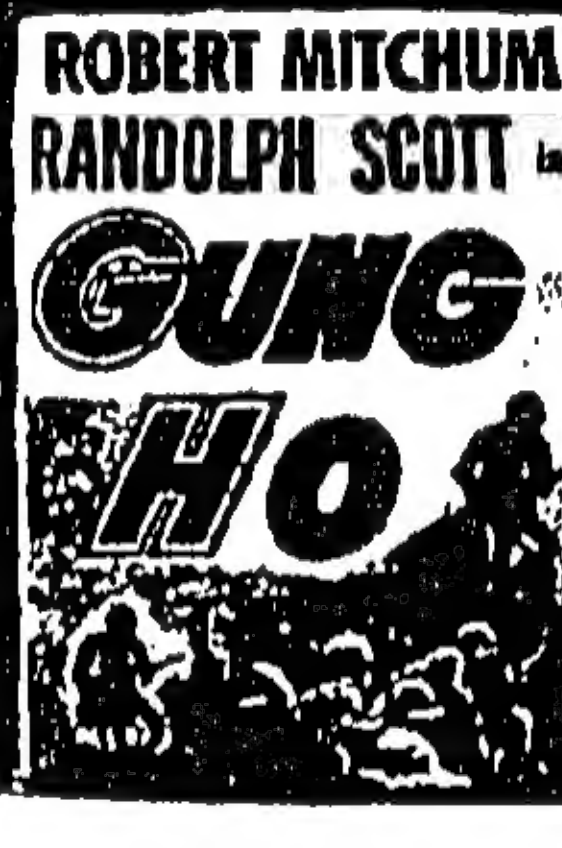
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# ALL-US EXPEDITION TO CLIMB EVEREST

## Floods In Northern Italy



Large sections of the Piemonte area in Northern Italy were flooded recently when the River Po burst its banks in several places. Pictured is a view of the rising water in the little town of Utdo.—Express Photo.

## BOURGEOIS ELEMENTS ATTEMPTING TO OVERTHROW PARTY

—People's Daily

Paris, June 23.

The Peking "People's Daily" today called on Chinese workers and "revolutionary intellectuals" to launch a "strong counter-offensive" against those who were attempting "to overthrow the Communist Party and the leadership of the proletariat."

The newspaper, in an article quoted in full by Moscow radio, stated that certain "bourgeois elements" and right-wing politicians were making such an attempt, under cover of the "rectification campaign."

### Improving

The rectification campaign, aimed at reducing bureaucracy and improving the work of the party and government, was launched last February 27 following a report by President Mao Tse-tung on the correct solution to the problem of contradictions among the people. This report was released by the New China News Agency on June 18.

The "People's Daily" said the "popular masses" of China had made "constructive" criticisms during the campaign. However, the bourgeois and right-wing politicians had used Mao's report as a convenient instrument to weaken the leadership of the party and government and undermine the building of the Socialist system in China.

The efforts of the "reactionaries" had resulted only in their isolation, because the overwhelming majority of the people supported the Socialist system, the paper said.—France-Press.

## Lebanese Premier Accused

Beirut, June 23.

Lebanese Premier Sami Bey Solh was accused by his cousin of interference at the polls in the third phase to day of Lebanon's elections.

The cousin, Takkeddin Solh, sent a telegram of protest to President Camille Chamoun.

Takkeddin and the Premier's son Abdur Rahman are contesting the same seat in the Zahleh constituency.

This particular contest has the President and Premier supporting different candidates.

### GROOMING

According to some reports, President Chamoun began grooming Takkeddin to take over the premiership when Sami recently suffered a heart attack.

This so angered the Premier that he entered his own son against Takkeddin.

Takkeddin today alleged that the Premier toured polling places urging voters to support his son and "stuffed" ballot papers in his hands.

### TROUBLE SPOTS

The two constituencies of Zahleh and Baalbek are expected to be trouble spots. Today they were heavily ringed with troops and armour.

Twenty-five candidates are contesting ten seats in the territory surrounding on Syria which allegedly is pouring in large sums of money to influence the elections.

The pro-Western government has already secured a clear majority in the new 66-seat House. In the first two phases of the poll, 35 out of 42 Deputies elected were government supporters.—United Press.

Wellington, June 24.

Mr Sidney Holland, the New Zealand Prime Minister, who is suffering from an injured second lumbar vertebra, continues to make good progress, according to Mr Keith Holyoake, the Deputy Prime Minister.—Reuter.

### POP



## Rock 'n' Roll BRITISH INVADE FRANCE

Calais, June 23.

Some 2,000 British tourists "invaders" and 14 British orchestras, on a "no passport" day trip to Boulogne, gave the townsfolk of the French resort a frenzied demonstration of "rock and roll" during their brief few hours ashore today.

This was the second British "no passport" rock and roll visit this year.

The demonstration took place on the old city square where the six burghers of Calais handed over the keys of the city to invading British King Edward III in 1347. Altogether 10,000 persons watched or joined in the fun.

The British visitors then elected a "Miss Strip Tense" whom they nicknamed "Miss Channel Rock." She was a young woman, a London model.

Before they reluctantly trooped aboard the "Royal Dufoull" for the return journey to England, the "invaders" passed round the hat and collected 75,000 francs for Calais charities.—France-Press.

## FIVE-YEAR DROUGHT ENDS

Chicago, June 23.

Flood crest rolled down several rivers in Minnesota today and northeast and southern States sweltered in hot and humid weather.

Meanwhile, a five-year drought in central and south-western States has ended, weathermen said, but no let-up is in prospect for a New England dry spell.

Army engineers said there was enough floodwater behind 25 reservoirs in the southwest to cover 15 million acres of land with one foot of water.

Water is being released from reservoirs in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana to allow them to take care of any additional heavy rains.—United Press.

## Will Also Try To Capture Yeti

Katmandu, June 23.

The first all-American expedition to try to conquer Mount Everest, the world's highest peak, will come from Chicago, provided permission is granted by the Nepalese Government, it was learned here today.

It will be led by a Chicago citizen, Mr Christopher Sejel, who is asking permission to bring the expedition next spring.

The American expedition will have another objective—to try to capture the "abominable snowman," the legendary creature supposed to inhabit the upper reaches of the Himalayas, or to find specimens proving its existence.

### Payments

Mr Sejel has already agreed to pay the statutory 3,000 rupees (about £230) royalty to the Nepalese Government to make the Everest attempt, as well as 5,000 rupees (about £380) for the permit to hunt the "abominable snowman."

It was reliably learned here that Mr Sejel's application is being "actively considered" by the Nepalese Government.

The Nepalese Government is also awaiting details of the application from the Texas oil millionaire, Mr Tom Slick, to bring an expedition this autumn to try to capture the Yeti (abominable snowman) "dead or alive."

Mr Slick carried out an exploratory expedition in Eastern Nepal a couple of months ago and returned convinced of the snowman's existence. It was following his expedition that the Nepalese Government recently imposed the new royalty of 5,000 rupees on expeditions solely concerned in hunting the Yeti.

### Photographs

The new regulations also lay down that the Yeti can only be killed in self-defence and that all true photographs of the legendary monster must be handed over to the Nepalese Government before publication.

It was understood that Mr Slick will probably get sanction from the Nepalese Government for his snowman expedition this autumn provided that, if the expedition includes members of different nationalities, a no objection certificate from each government is included with the application.

This it is understood is being requested because of reports from localities where the Yeti is believed to exist, of the monster's extreme ferocity.—Reuter.

## MOUNTING DEATHS IN FRANCE FROM WINE

Paris, June 23. A total of 5,977 Frenchmen and women died from alcoholism in 1956 against 481 in 1940, statistics issued by the Government-sponsored "High Committee on Alcoholism" revealed here.

A recent inquiry revealed that 80 per cent of Frenchmen and 60 per cent of Frenchwomen drink neat wine while four per cent of men and nine per cent of women drink wine with water.

It also showed that 23 per cent of Frenchmen and 43 per cent of Frenchwomen drink plain water.

Statistics also showed that the French people in general do not like milk as a drink. Of 3,003 persons asked what they had drunk in the previous 24 hours, only six per cent said they had taken a glass of milk.—China Mail Special.

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# H-BOMB HAS ENDED DEMOCRACY ON PEACE

## No Arguments Over Declaring War—Bevan

Manchester, June 23.

Mr Aneurin Bevan, Treasurer of the British Labour Party, said here today that the existence of the hydrogen bomb had ended democracy in Britain and the United States insofar as issues of peace and war were concerned.

"The hydrogen bomb is essentially a weapon of surprise," Mr Bevan told a Labour Party rally. "The one who uses it first might win."



ANEURIN BEVAN

A Weapon of Surprise

## Malayan Aborigines Perform

Kuala Lumpur, June 23.

A delegation of tribal experts from South Vietnam today watched a ceremonial dance by the Temiar aboriginal tribe of Malaya.

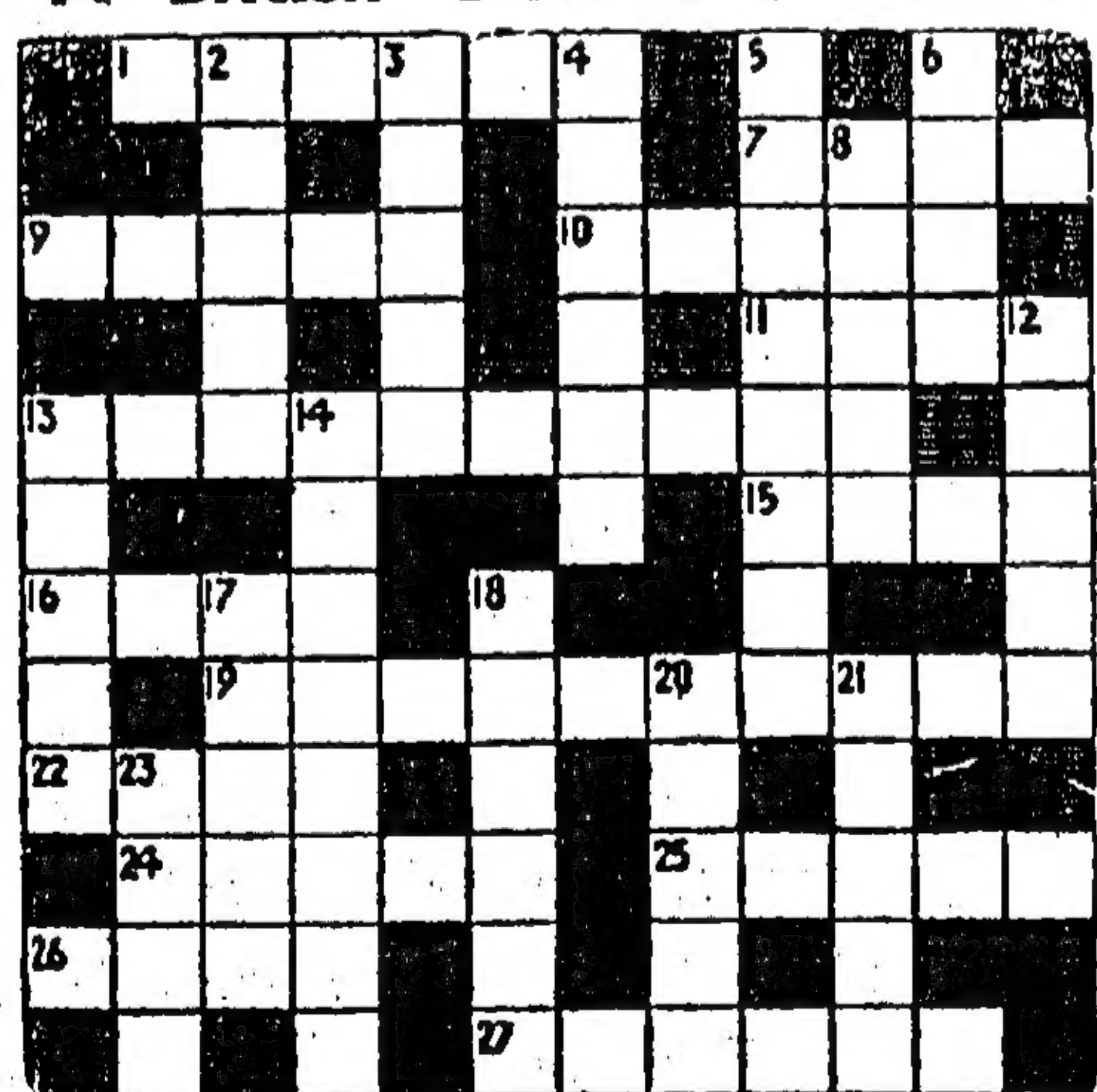
The aborigines who had come from Perak States to a research station near Kuala Lumpur to entertain the visitors danced to the sound of jungle drums and the pounding of bamboo poles.

Colonel Huynh Cong Tinh, Director of the Vietnamese Aborigine Department, said he was much impressed by Malayan methods of aborigine administration.

The delegation includes a Vietnamese aborigine chieftain, Mr Y. Blieng.

The delegation leaves Kuala Lumpur tomorrow for Singapore whence they will fly to Saigon on Tuesday.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle

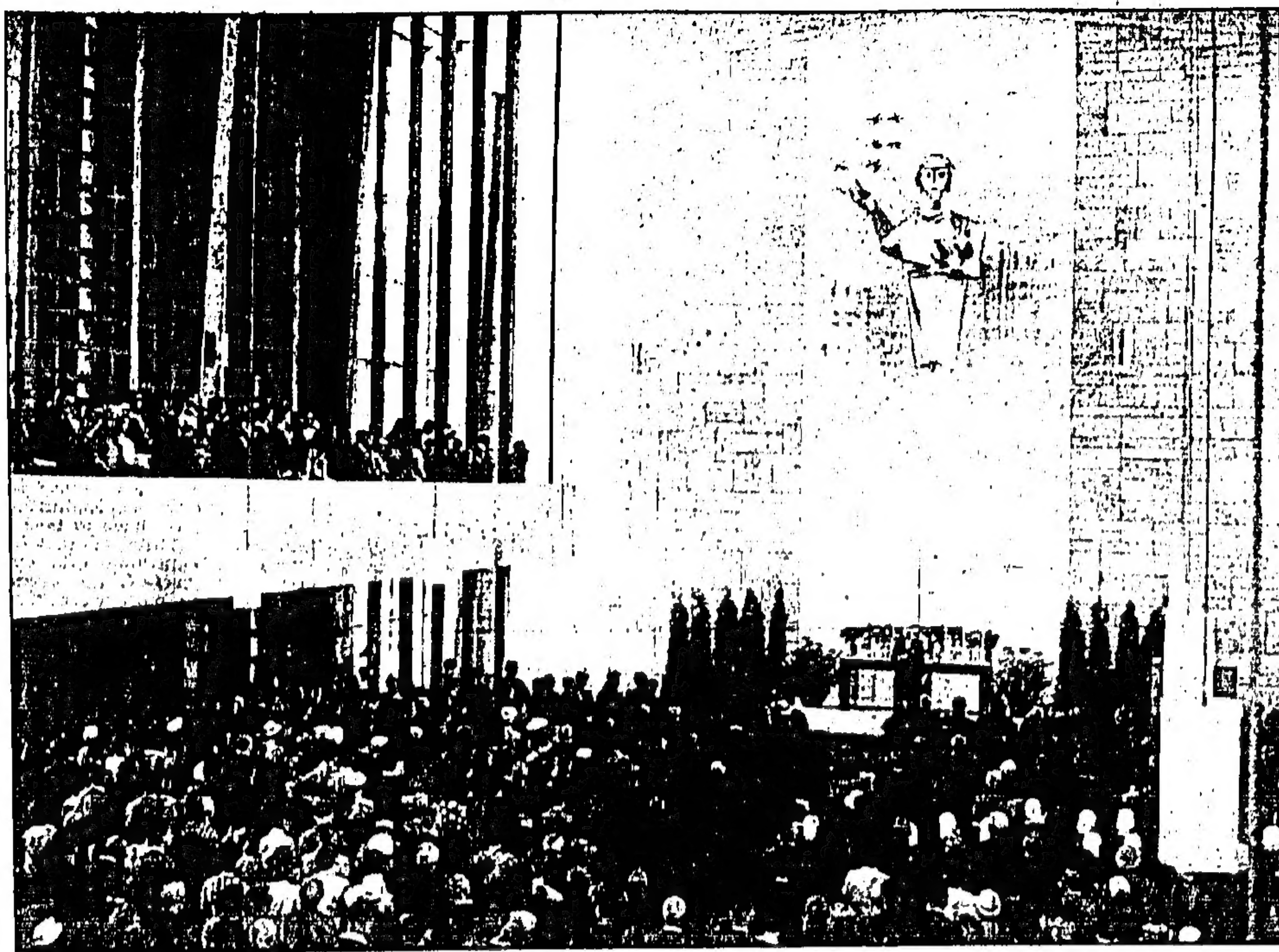


### ACROSS

- 1 Stopped and cursed? (8).
- 2 A girl? Wrong! (5).
- 3 Fruit a woman wouldn't go for? (8).
- 4 Followed by Fido? (6).
- 5 Bottle up? (8).
- 6 Bound to die? (4).
- 8 Stay put? (5).
- 12 Wound up? (6).
- 13 Legal action? (6).
- 14 Not a rice product? (8).
- 17 Does it hurt to be so clever? (5).
- 20 Keep quiet and listen maybe? (4).
- 24 Stand up for a pay increase? (6).
- 25 Range of emotion? (6).
- 26 Two-faced foreigner? (4).
- 27 Agreement to be generous? (6).

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Se-hen-e, 4 Screw, 7 Us-ages, 8 Anger, 10 Blue, 12 Refined, 10 Clean, 16 Dene, 17 Echo, 19 Cornet, 20 Slender, 21 Sure, 23 Sharp, 24 Lin-net, 25 Shown, 26 Can-did, Down: 1 S-tur-d-e, 2 Head-she, 3 Meet, 5 Con-dies, 6 Eloquent, 8 Jags, 9 Sen-or, 11 Elongate, 12 Flaced, 13 Return, 14 Denoted, 16 Clutch, 22 (Go)Diva.

## MODERN CHURCH IN NURENBERG



On Sunday, June 16, Bishop Dietzelbinger consecrated the rebuilt 'Christuskirche'. The church was completely destroyed during the war and was one of the oldest buildings in Nuremberg. The new church is super-modern with its 13-foot high Christ figure made of brass and two abstract windows on either side. Photo shows the interior of the church during the first service.—Keystone Photo.

## KISHI PLANTS CHERRY TREE

New York, June 23.

Predicting the beginning of a "new era" in Japanese-American relations, Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi today planted a Japanese cherry tree in ceremonies honouring former US President Theodore Roosevelt.

The planting took place at 6 pm (2200 GMT) on the north lawn of Roosevelt's home, Sagamore Hill—now a national shrine. A twin tree was planted by Oscar Straus, President of the Theodore Roosevelt Association.

### CHAMPIONS

Kishi said: "As these two trees, and other descendants from them, grow and spread their beauty over this venerable land of Theodore Roosevelt, may the thousands who admire them see in them the spirit in which we plant them, as tribute to a man dedicated to the ideal of peace, understanding, and universal goodwill. And may they be inspired as was Theodore Roosevelt to serve the worthy champions of peace and righteousness."

More than 150 persons were present as Mrs Theodore Roosevelt Jr. presented Kishi with a bronze bas relief plaque of her father-in-law.

### CEMETERIES

Tomorrow, the Prime Minister's son, Nobukazu Kishi, and his son-in-law, Shintaro Abe, will visit Greenwood, Woodlawn and Mount Olivet cemeteries, as his representatives, to place floral offerings on the graves of Townsend Harris, Hideyo Noguchi and Joidichi Takamine. Harris was the first American diplomatic envoy to Japan. Dr Noguchi conducted research on syphilis and yellow fever, and Dr Takamine was the inventor of Adrenalin.—United Press.

## US NAVY TO FIRE ROCKETS INTO STRATOSPHERE

Washington, June 23. The United States Navy announced today it will fire 40 rockets to a height of some 20 miles above the Virginia Coast this week in an effort to learn more about the weather.

The Navy said the rockets will be shot into the stratosphere at 3,000-plus miles an hour from the Naval Aviation Ordnance test station at Chincoteague, Virginia. The rockets will be fired from a five-inch gun. Once the rockets climb 20 miles or more, the announcement said, their warheads will explode and release a cloud of metal foil fragments which will be tracked by radar to learn wind velocity and direction.

The rocket is known as the Haupp, short for high altitude sounding projectile. Originally developed by the Army as an anti-aircraft weapon, it has been converted by the Navy into a high altitude weather rocket.

Preliminary tests at Chincoteague have been successful, the Navy said, and plans were being made to fire Haupp from ships at sea later in the summer.

## Russia's Eagerness For Disarmament Due To Economic Reasons?

London, June 23.

Russia's economic troubles may be more serious than previously believed if Soviet demands for hasty disarmament can be believed, Western experts at the London disarmament conference said today.

Publicly and privately the Russians have been expressing sudden new eagerness to get a first step disarmament agreement going by August 1—an unexpected urgency after 11 years of Soviet stalling on arms cuts.

Westerners here are inclined to believe the Soviet haste is sincere, because it is emphasised more firmly in private conversations than in the usual propaganda broadcasts.

It has been assumed all along that Russia switched its line on partial disarmament because of a critical need to trim its present vast military expenditures.

But the Western sources hazard no guesses on the particular need for the deadline, now voiced by Soviet negotiators.

### UNDERESTIMATED

They suggest the critical state of the Soviet economy may have been underestimated. Three possible reasons are given:

★ A critical need for donations of money and material to bolster shaky Communist regimes in Eastern Europe and to buy influence in increasingly independent Poland.

★ The ordinary Russian's growing restiveness over lack of consumer goods and luxuries.

★ The huge cost of a rush programme in guided missile production.

Increasing Soviet pressures for haste in writing a first-step disarmament agreement here may indicate that the strain is greater than had been believed. This haste has become clear in the last two weeks. For the first time since the London

disarmament talks began in March, the Russians have spoken firmly of August 1 as a deadline for success or failure.—United Press.

## Interpol Ends Meeting

Lisbon, June 23.

Interpol, the international criminal police commission meeting here, has called for new action to combat the procurement of women, prostitution and illicit drug traffic.

The organization's general assembly ended its 26th session here yesterday. Forty-two countries attended the five-day meeting and four new countries—Laos, Morocco, Haiti and Tunisia—were admitted.

### RESOLUTIONS

The meeting passed resolutions calling for a study on the procurement of women; special measures to fight organizers of tours; pseudo-artists women—described as a modern way of traffic in women; and the organization of an international course for specialists in repressing illicit drug traffic.

An official communique published today said the assembly also studied relations with the United Nations Organization, the use of women police to fight juvenile delinquency, and traffic in gold. The communique gave no details of what was decided on these matters.

The resolution on prostitution asked the general secretariat to study the international forms of pandemonium and to try to identify its authors.

### VIGILANCE

It called specially for stricter vigilance on the granting of passports as well as on the arrival and departure of artistic tours.

It said all proof of acts of prostitution should be reported to the countries of origin which would assume the obligation of reporting to the countries of destination on the departure of artistic tours.

It asked police forces to do their best to prevent pressure being put on women to become prostitutes or to continue as such.—China Mail Special.

## BRITONS ACQUITTED BUT STILL IN CAIRO PRISON

Cairo, June 23.

Mr John Mornton Stanley and Mr Charles Pittuck, two Britons acquitted in the Cairo spy trial, have been driven to the Barrage Prison, just outside Cairo, since last night, it was reported today.

## DIEFENBAKER SEEKING TRADE CONFERENCE

Ottawa, June 23.

The Prime Minister, Mr John Diefenbaker, flew to London late today, convinced that a Commonwealth trade conference could help ease Canada's wheat surplus problem.

"The Conservative Party through the years has always believed in the necessity of the Commonwealth, in which there should be a maximum of trade," said Mr Diefenbaker.

### PROMISE

He said he would carry out his election promise and seek a Commonwealth trade and economic conference.

"We believe it is necessary to provide new markets and expand old ones," he added. "For the Western farmer, such a conference is necessary to bring about a proper increase in markets for their surplus wheat, which, if present climatic conditions continue, may be unresolved, with another big crop this year."

On domestic affairs, he said he would appoint another French-speaking Cabinet Minister "as soon as possible" after his return from London on July 6. He will represent Canada at a conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers, opening in London on Wednesday.—United Press.

The two Britons and a retired Yugoslav Colonel, Milovan Grogolovic, who was also acquitted yesterday, were driven late last night to the Barrage Prison after going through final formalities in the criminal headquarters in Cairo.

### WAIT IN VAIN

A Swiss Embassy official, Mr Charles Dubou, who waited in vain for eight hours at Cairo Airport last night for the departure of the Britons, tried to visit them today at Barrage Prison.

Mr Stanley, who was visited by two British pressmen this afternoon, said: "No explanation has been given to me of the reasons for my detention. I have asked to see the Swiss Consul and a lawyer, but I have not seen them yet."

The gaol has been used as a transit camp for foreigners under order of expulsion.

### BOOKINGS

It is expected that Mr Pittuck and Mr Stanley will remain there until bookings are made for their journey to London, according to the practice observed in similar cases in the past.

It was not known whether the two Britons are actually under such an order or whether this was found by the authorities as a more expeditious and protective arrangement for their departure.—Reuter.

### NOT TO CONTEST

Esslingen, June 23. The German Social Union, right-wing grouping led by Dr Otto Strasser, former associate of Hitler, decided at its Congress at Urach near here this week-end not to contest September's West German Federal elections.—Reuter.

## WRONG LEG

Cherbury, June 23.

It was the wrong leg, not the right leg, that was operated on when 14-year-old swimming champion Ellen went into hospital.

Ellen went in for a cartilage operation to her right leg—and woke up to find her left leg swathed in bandages.

The hospital are now investigating what had gone wrong and Ellen waited for an operation on the right leg this time.—China Mail Special.

## Nationalists Deny Plane Attacks

Taipei, June 23.

A Nationalist Chinese Air Force spokesman today flatly denied Chinese Communist claims of shooting down a Nationalist jet fighter and damaging two others last week.

"It's a shameless lie," Colonel S. T. Chao of the Nationalist Chinese Air Force said.

A Communist Peking broadcast had said one Nationalist F-84 Thunderjet fighter-bomber was shot down and two others damaged off the Kwangtung Province.—United Press.

## Russian Motor-Scooter



Russia has produced its first motor-scooter, the 'Tula', as shown above. The 'Tula' weighs 335 pounds and has a motor of 5 horse power. The maximum speed of the scooter is 20 miles an hour.—Keystone Photo.



While the crowds jostle at the seaside, ROBIN NICHOLAS goes on a summer adventure among the pines and the heather

# A pony-trek is the life for me

A GROUSE erupted from the white freckled heather... a bundle of whirling violence against the hot, still sky. Three deer camouflaged by sunshine and shadow stood under the pine trees and stared round-eyed.

The stream at our feet went giggling down the hill. An aldermanic bee mumbled by. And down in the glen, purpled by heat and distance, a loch was as peaceful and clear as a shining conscience.

Swannee and I stopped to stare.

## To lovely places

Well, I stared. Swannee closed his eyes. The only scenery that attracts his attention must be edible. For Swannee is a dappled grey Highland pony, 15 hands high.

I was pony trekking... the latest and one of the happiest holiday ideas to be taken up in Britain. My trek took me to the lonely Scottish countryside... to lovely silent places... places which few reach on foot.

Now holidaymakers are hiring ponies as sure-footed as a prima ballerina and ambling happily along the narrow winding deer paths to a purity of air and sun that they have never known.

And most of these people have never ridden a horse before.

That's what they told me when I arrived nervously at Aberfoyle in Perthshire.

An unlikely tale I thought. My gloom deepened when I met Swannee.

His albino eyelashes blinked in a depression as dark as mine.

I was told to put his bit in this animal's mouth. That, they explained, gives the novice confidence. It is supposed to convince him that horses are not carnivorous.

## Closed his mouth

"Say 'Ahh'" I demanded. Swannee opened his eyes and closed his mouth. With the timidity of a dentist drawing his first tooth I prized it open and fitted that bit.

The rest of the harnessing was taken from me. As the owner, a large patient Scotsman called Hugh McGregor, said, it was fascinating to watch this

## Delicately stepping through the tall trees...

man-to-man approach, but the rest of the trekking party were already over the horizon.

I turned my back to look. Swannee promptly rubbed his forehead between my shoulder blades. I staggered a few paces but my spirits rose. I felt the first gentle surge of affection that every cowboy is supposed to feel for his horse.

And then I was shown how to mount. I didn't relish it at all. With your reins in your hand you are supposed to grab a handful of flesh and mane and heave yourself into the saddle.

But this noble animal didn't turn a hair... not even when I nearly pulled out.

"On avant," I cried, not having the Gaelic, but well aware of the affinity between the Scots and the French.

Swannee promptly headed for a pine forest. I tugged at the reins and the horse stopped. This remarkable demonstration of the superiority of the human race so astonished me that I was still marvelling when Hugh McGregor disappeared out of sight.

He came back to ask what was the matter. He ignored my request for an animal a little less tame and told us to get a move on.

## A stag sneers

A delicately stepping horse winding through the tall trees, the air pine-licious and an officious pheasant strutting in front of you.

From the undergrowth a stag snarled critically, sneers and glides away. And all the time you are climbing nearer and nearer to a sky as blue as a holiday poster.

We met the rest of our trekking party at the forest edge. Swannee and I did not make a good impression. We emerged from the trees with twigs in my hair and an enormous clump of fresh green bracken in Swannee's mouth.

The other trekkers were a remarkable lot. They had been riding for some days but almost without exception they were beginners. There were children



and a grandmother. They were browned by sun and wind.

On we went, starting curlews from a mountain bog. Round every bend in the deer tracks was another wild, fantastic view.

The sky was red with the evening sun when we wandered back to the stables through fields where golden long-haired highland cattle grazed.

Back to the huge log fires in the Covenanter Inn, where kindred Scotsmen plot home rule over pink gins.

It is a romantic holiday. The scent of the trees fills the bedroom as one sleeps.

And tomorrow there will be another day of riding where humans seldom go.

## For the family

It is an ideal family holiday. For children it is safe and exciting. For parents it is a complete away-from-it-all. And it is cheaper than seeking that crowded patch of sand at the seaside.

Meals, accommodation, guide, instructor, and a pony for as long as you stay cost 12 to 18 guineas a week, depending on the time of the year.

And if you really want to be an outdoor type—trek for days with a bed on the heather at night.

It is best to have a pair of jodhpurs or riding breeches, but they are not essential. Lots of people go riding in slacks.

The thing to do now, before the stars come out, is to wander down to the stables and say goodnight to one's pony.

Swannee and I are overlooking this touching rite. We have still to work out whose fault it was today that he ended up sitting on his haunches in the heather and I lying on my back looking up at his smug impassiveness.

TV may prove a threat to the pattern of Fleet Street journalism—

# DANGER IN "THE STREET"

by Sir Beverley Baxter MP

THERE is nothing so deserted as the City of London on a Saturday night. A stray cat can wander about its streets and down its antiquated alleys without hearing the bark of a dog and only occasionally the hoot of a motor horn.

Let there be any misunderstanding allow me to remind you that the City of London is that part of the Metropolis which contains St. Paul's Cathedral, the Stock Exchange, the Guildhall and innumerable financial houses. On the first five days of the week the City is a mass of crawling, snorting traffic with top-hatted bank messengers elbowing their way through the seething throng, with messenger boys darting in all directions like minnows in a turbulent stream. Over the weekend it is almost completely deserted.

The late Adolf Hitler who was singularly misinformed about everything English sent a five-bomb raid one Saturday night which set the whole district in flames that swept to the very stone steps of St. Paul's Cathedral. But there they stopped as if even Hitler's blasphemous heart did not dare set fire to God's Palace.

When the war was over the vast piles of rubble were removed and new buildings arose to replace the old. But the narrow roads retained their inadequacy for the endless traffic.

Therefore it was with an agreeable sense of solitude on a recent Saturday night that I walked up Ludgate Hill and

## Anti-Cocktails

As we slipped our sherry—for cocktails are not in favour on such an occasion—we watched the arrival of the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs in the scarlet robes and cocked hats and chains of office. The trumpets blared for them but not for the Prime Minister. Mr Macmillan

London. But nowhere in this lengthy statement of policy is there any answer to the obvious questions: What taxes would be raised and by how much? or what government expenditure would be reduced?

This is the key passage in "Economic Aid," the second instalment of the British Labour Party's new colonial policy. But the question it poses is left unanswered.

The statement is full of brave words. "A decision to vote more money for colonial development means a decision either to hold back personal consumption by taxation or other means, or a reduction in some other item of government expenditure." Once again we have to face the fact that for Britain to make the necessary contribution to overseas development will mean more sacrifice and more work.

And so on. The policy envisages the allocation of an average of one per cent of Britain's national income, or about £100,000,000 a year, towards the development of colonies and under-developed territories generally. If this amount were raised by taxation it would require the equivalent of the entire receipts of the Royal Navy.

These comparisons are not made in an attempt to show that the raising of such a large sum is impossible but simply to indicate how big a job the Labour Party is taking on. The statement does, in fact, hint broadly at the sector of government expenditure that is likely to come under the axe. It recalls that when it was proposed that all nations should contribute one per cent of their national income to the Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development, the British Government "insisted that we cannot afford to

By Ronald Boxall

of surtax or more than a third of the yield from purchase tax.

If it were raised by cutting back other government expenditure it would mean a reduction equal to a quarter of the cost of servicing the national debt or a half of the cost of maintaining the Royal Navy.

establish the Fund until world agreement on disarmament has been achieved.

As this is the only hint anywhere in the statement about a possible means of solving the practical problem of financing colonial development on an "adequate" scale, the reader (and the British voter at the next general election) is left to assume that the money would be released mainly by cutting down on arms.

The authors of Labour's colonial economic policy have tried to forestall the argument that their plans would have an inflationary effect at home. Britain, they say, must achieve a genuine trade surplus to cover the export of resources. For development purposes, they say, it would be a "mockery" and "simply mean borrowing abroad, perhaps from the colonies themselves."

But there is not even a hint of how it is to be achieved, except that it would mean "some delay in increasing our own standard of good living."

The statement mentions a number of things the next Labour government will do as soon as it takes office.

It will restate the principle of bulk purchasing and take the initiative in seeking international agreements to stabilise world prices of basic foodstuffs and raw materials.

It will increase grants under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts; step up Britain's contributions to the United Nations Technical Assistance Board; and encourage the development of co-operatives on both social and economic fronts.

But its most interesting reform under this heading will be the reconstitution of the Colonial Development Corporation.

It will write off the C.D.C.'s costly losses "as the price of experience" and make it possible for the Corporation to plan long-term development projects by providing government loans "at rates of interest which are guaranteed not to fluctuate from the time the scheme is sanctioned."

And it will reverse the Conservative Government's decision that colonies become ineligible for C.D.C. help after the attainment of independence. In effect, the Labour Party will "create" a new C.D.C. to administer the emerging territories of the Commonwealth who still need capital and practical assistance during the early years of their independence and will equip it with adequate finance and powers for its role.

The new government will not object to foreign capital taking on part of the job of developing colonial resources, but it will ensure that foreign firms "do not bring in their train reactionary racial and labour policies. The Conservative Government got under-takings on these points before it sanctioned the sale of the Trinidad Oil Company to American interests, "but this transaction took place in the full glare of Parliamentary controversy. A Labour government will see to it that these safeguards become the normal condition of foreign investment in every case."

Responsibility. The Labour Party will place much of the responsibility for development on the colonial territories themselves and "it will exact from them an undertaking on the rate of withdrawals from their sterling balances."

Over the last five years, it says, "indiscriminate use of grants resulting in severe losses of the reserves of the whole sterling area would, it says, cause untold harm and defeat its own end."

Thus there must be intimate collaboration between the metropolis and the colonies and foreign colonies if the best result is to be achieved. It must be realised that only through such combined planning can progress and prosperity be achieved. Such combined planning must be achieved, not explained. But there is a hint here that the Labour Party is moving towards the view that what the Commonwealth lacks is an agency to fill the role that the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation is playing in Western Europe.

the newspapers and magazines are feeling the change of television. God in His infinite wisdom gave each of us only two eyes and it is just not possible to read newspapers and look at television simultaneously. Nor is it possible to comment on the news. More and more it presents the news and leaves the newspapers outdated.

The most recent casualty on the magazine front is Sir Edward Hulton's Picture Post. Will what does it matter whether there is one magazine less or more? In answer I would ask you to summon your imagination and see what happens to the staff turning out the last issue of the publication.

## Nice Blending

Macmillan spoke excellently with just that blending of humour and dignity which make Englishmen the best after-dinner speakers in the world. The fact that Macmillan is a Scot is beside the point.

Then the lights were dimmed and we were back in the days of the 17th century. Approaching the centre of the City of London, we were confronted by no less a person than Charles II in complete with a Royal wig and swartling Cavalier hat. It was just a rehearsal of the past.

"What is the enterprise of St. Paul's?" demanded the Merry Monarch who, on this occasion, was in a serious mood.

Proudly the senior apprentice answered: "Shakespeare, Milton and King James's Bible are our choice. Only this can this building rubbish be kept down."

Humanity is so engrossed today with its super-scientific nuclear age that we forget how our liberties were wrung from the stubborn defences of tradition and privilege. Every generation has its martyrs and its visionaries. Today the freedom of the Press is accepted as something beyond question but it only came about by the vision and the bravery of our ancestors.

## Street Of Ink

When the evening had ended and the guests of honour were trumpeted to their waiting cars I walked down Ludgate Hill and into Fleet Street—the Street of Ink which is the centre of London's newspapers. The presses were roaring like Niagara Falls as the machines belched out the thousands and tens of thousands of copies of the Daily Express which must cover London and the South of England.

In Manchester the Daily Express plant, linked by the most modern technical communications with London, has made it possible for a national newspaper to be on the breakfast tables of the whole country except in the outlying spaces where transport is slow or almost non-existent.

Never were facilities for printing and distributing so skillfully organised yet never were the newspaper publishers so worried. It is no secret that a number of national newspapers in Britain are fighting for their lives.

But there is another reason why even the successful newspapers such as The Times, The Daily Mirror, The Express, The Telegraph and The Daily Sketch are troubled. More and more

## And Heartbreak

Tomorrow and tomorrow, some will find editorial work, some will find an opening in advertising agencies, some will just walk the Street of Ink, the Street of Adventure, the Street of Heartbreak.

But television not content with its victories over the printed word must talk about it. With an almost ghoulish sense of topicality Chris Chataway, who combines athletics with television commentary, questioned a panel of journalists including staff members of the stricken Picture Post.

Some of the comments were pretty tough and some of the punches were pretty low but no one can deny the charge made by one of the panel that the rise of the dominating proprietor has tended to reduce the editor to a mere figurehead. In fact it might go further and state that the order of seniority in the newspaper and magazine world is (1) The Proprietor (2) The General Manager (3) The Editor.

The answer would be that competition has become so severe that the editor must come under the restraint of those who have to supply the finance. Yet the danger appears when restraint becomes authority over the editor and the general policy of the publication.

Yet there is one anachronism that deserves the consideration of all of us who live by means of the printed word. The sale of books is on the upgrade. No longer do book publishers gather at the wailing wall. It would seem in fact that what the more intelligent level of the British public wants is to read something that deals with the eternal human values and not merely with the affairs of the moment.

# He Took A Pig On A Lead

—And they thought it was a dog

By ROMANY BAIN

THROUGH the hall door of the peeling Georgian house in Notting Hill Gate I saw a laurel-wreathed plaque "Frankenstein lived here 1723-1924." So I knew I had come to the right place.

I was on the track of a young man who does not confine his fooling to April 1. He published the following advertisement: "Practical joker with wide experience of British public's sad gullibility, organises, leads and guarantees success of large scale hoaxes," and I was determined to meet him.

## First attempt

People who have been fooled by Mr. Routh include a pub of port-and-lemon drinkers in Camden Town who in 10 minutes were hoaxed into believing they were broadcasting to Southern Rhodesia. And the citizenry of Bielefeld who were canvassed for two days about a mythical by-pass.

## Sad air

A gay cracklerjack of a fellow, I imagined, grimly, false-moustached, with banana-skins stuffed in every pocket. But the joker was a black-skinned young man with a funeral air, who introduced himself in a charcoal voice as "Romanus Routh," profession "agent provocateur."

pranks when 200 pyramidal students held up the Cambridge traffic frying sausages at 11 in the morning.

And until last month, a commercial radio programme paid him to take the mickey out of people three times a week and broadcast the results over the air.

In a soaking wet mac he dashed into a shop on a sunny day and asked if he might use the telephone to ring for his umbrella.

He took a pig on a lead round the streets and hotels of Tombridge Wells for the day.

## Moon bid

He bothered respectable Kensington landladies with requests for a room suitable for launching a rocket to the moon.

"And what do you think happened?" he asked desperately. "Nothing at all. The shopkeeper said, 'Certainly,' the hotel waiter returned to the pig as a dog, and the landlady said they were sorry they were full up. If you have a straight face and a printed letter heading you can get away with anything."

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## Bonosnap Wins French Grand National

Paris, June 23. Bonosnap, owned by M. A. Mourrat and ridden by Guy Chancelier, won the Grand Steeplechase de Paris—French Grand National—run over 6,000 metres (just over four miles) at Autoull here today.

Quimillegrey was second and Diamant de Bourgogne third.

The race was worth ten million francs.

Quimillegrey is owned by Mue R. Chatelet and was ridden by J. J. Darnas. Diamant de Bourgogne is owned by M. C. Giraudon and was ridden by M. Quenot.

Eighteen ran the race from the start until passing the grandstand second time round. At the last obstacle Aredien led, followed by the favourite, Quimillegrey, and Bonosnap, who surged past in the straight to win by half a length. Diamant de Bourgogne finished five lengths behind Quimillegrey.

Bonosnap, a six-year-old gelding by Boree out of Noce D'Or, paid 47 francs for a test-franc win stake in the pari-mutuel. Places paid 19, 18 and 100 francs.

The winner was trained by Georges Polat.—Reuter.

## Lincoln Ran A Typical Delany Race

Dayton, June 23. Australia's Mary Lincoln borrowed an excuse from Ron Delany today to explain why he won Saturday night's AAU mile run in the disappointing time of 4:06.1.

"I ran against my main opponent," the sub four-minute miler said. "And I just didn't realise what a slow pace was being set until the third lap."

Lincoln turned in a dazzling final quarter but there was no chance at a four-minute mile after Bob Seaman of the San Francisco Athletic Club led the field past the three-quarter mark in 3:09.9. The other fractional times were 61.9 and 2:07.8.

Lincoln ran a typical Delany race—good enough to win handily but not fast enough to excite the excitement—laying back in the field and then turning on his "kick" to pass Seaman on the final lap. At that, his time was good enough to break the old AAU mark of 4:07.1 set by Kansas' Wee Santee in 1933.—United Press.

## Joe Adcock Sidelined For Six Weeks

Milwaukee, June 23. The Milwaukee Braves' first baseman, Joe Adcock, suffered a fracture of a small bone in his right ankle today in the eighth of the Braves-Philadelphia Phillies double-header and will be out of play from six to eight weeks.

The big first sacker was carried from the field in a stretcher in the second inning after sliding into second base. He was taken to Milwaukee Hospital.

Adcock, who had returned to the line-up only today after being sidelined four days with an injured right knee, also suffered torn ligaments in the injured ankle.

Reserve Frank Torre came in to play for Adcock.—United Press.

## Shock Results Expected At Wimbledon On Opening Day

Wimbledon, June 24. One hundred and twenty-eight men from 35 countries will hold the stage when the curtain goes up today on the 84th Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships.

The day's programme consists entirely of the first round of the Men's Singles, and to accommodate the huge entry of world stars all sixteen courts at the All-England Club will be in action.

By tradition, Australia's Lew Hoad, as defending champion, will be escorted by the President of the British Lawn Tennis Association on to the Centre Court for the first match of the 1957 Championships.

Hoad meets Pierre Darmon, the leading Frenchman. Play begins at 1300 GMT.

At the same time, Koshi Kamo, Japan's first competitor in the Men's Singles since the war, will be making his Wimbledon debut on court five under the shadow of the huge creeper-covered Centre Court Stadium.

Kamo's opponent, C. Crawford, an unranked American, was considered by the selection committee as not deserving of immediate entry to the championships proper and, with many other unsuccessful entries, was obliged to play through a qualifying tournament. So he should not be unduly extended to reach round two.

### SHOCK RESULTS

But every match at Wimbledon, the World's premier tennis tournament, is an exciting test of physical and mental ability. From an early go away in recent years the first round has seldom failed to produce shock results.

At least two seeded players might be in danger today. Ham Richardson, America's top player, who is seeded third, has to meet stocky Luis Ayala, the Chilean champion, who himself only just missed being seeded.

Ayala, with a win over Hoad to his credit this season, has the ability to extend Richardson, whose play this year has been limited because of studies at Oxford University.

The other "seed" with a tough game is Australian Mervyn Rose, who clashes with 21-year-old newcomer to Europe Alex Omedeo, of Peru, who has a big reputation in American tennis circles.—China Mail Special.

### SOVIET OFFICIALS

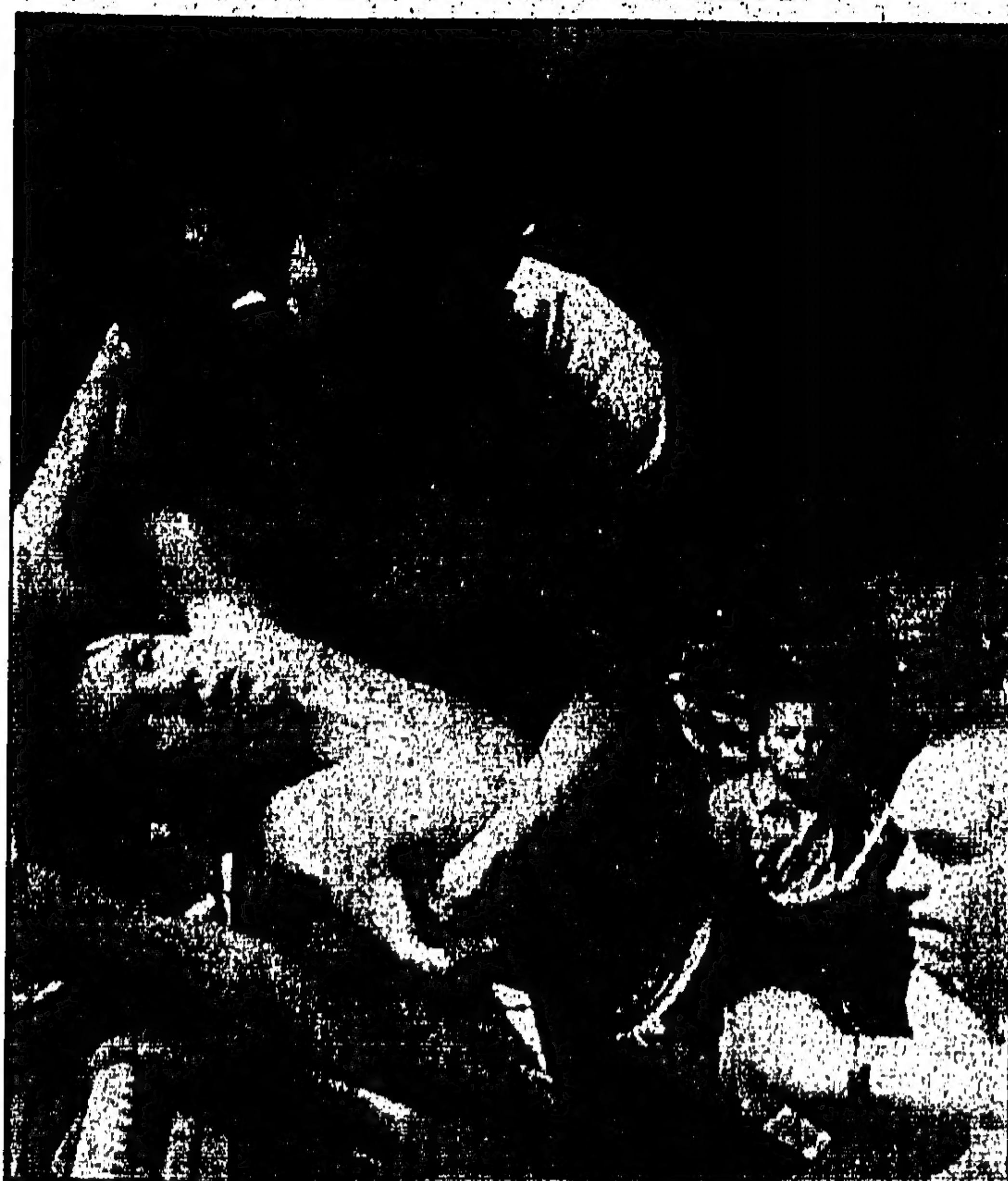
Moscow, June 23. A group of Soviet lawn tennis officials and players left Moscow by air for London today, according to Moscow Radio. They included the Russian tennis champion Miss Valeria Kuznetsova and Sergei Andreiev. The party will visit Wimbledon as spectators, "to get the atmosphere,"—China Mail Special.

## Real Madrid Win Latin Cup Final

Madrid, June 23. Real Madrid, the European Cup holders, beat Benfica, Portugal's First Division Champions, 1-0, in the Latin Soccer Cup final here tonight. There was no score at half-time.

Benfica's right-half, Zezinho, was sent off in the second half. Milano (Italy) beat St. Etienne (France) 4-3 (half-time 2-1) to decide third place in the Cup classification.—Reuter.

## TRAGEDY IN THE RING



Karl Bick former German Lightweight Boxing Champion, leaves the ring for the last time, carried out semi-conscious by his seconds. But neither they nor the crowd knew how close tragedy was. Only hours later Bick died in a Dortmund hospital from a brain haemorrhage.—Keystone Photo.

## LOOKING AT SPORT

# BRITAIN HAS SOMEONE TO LICK THE WORLD IN THE FEATHERWEIGHT CLASS

By DENIS HART

Whisper it softly, but Britain is about to win a world boxing title. Our heavyweights may be horizontal, our flyweights feeble, our middlebombs moribund. But when it comes to feathers Britain has someone to lick the world.

He is Hogan Bassey, the Kid from Culubur, Nigeria.

On June 24 Bassey takes on Frenchman Cherif Hamia for the World Featherweight title left vacant since the retirement earlier this year by Sandy Saddler.

There are all manner of reasons why Bassey should not win. For the fight is in Paris. And in the light of recent experiences of British boxers fighting in Europe, Bassey is liable to suffer from refereeing and rule interpretation which is well-documented.

### HOME BOXERS

After Empire Heavyweight Champion Joe Byrnes was disqualified in his bout with German Heinz Neuhaus there has been a demand in Britain that home boxers should not fight in the continent until things are sorted out.

Why? Well, he is such a pleasant guy. Not the obvious quality to guarantee boxing honours. But his mild manners and calm disposition can stand Bassey in good stead today.

They can stop him getting rattled by the reaction of the crowd and by any referee's ruling.

Without going into the rights and wrongs of the different approaches to boxing of Britain and Europe it is easy to see how they can affect a fight. Such things can even bring friction to the cricket field, let alone to the boxing ring where two men set out with avowed intention of hammering the living daylights out of each other.

And once a boxer is rattled he is invariably a beaten man. Bassey has faced such tests before—and passed with flying colours. In King's Hall, Belfast, before what is regarded as the most partisan crowd in the world, he knocked out local hero Billy Kelly to win his Empire title. And he came from behind to do it.

Then, in April of this year, he earned the right to this world title fight by gaining a points decision in America—something not lightly achieved—over Miguel Berrio of Puerto Rico.

### SUPERBLY FIT

Bassey will not win the world crown on pleasanties alone. But he does hook with his left hand, and his right hand is as fast as a whip. He is always superbly fit—he actually likes training, road work and all—and he can box as well as fight.

What has Hamia to offer in exchange? He has a good right dig and like Bassey he has beaten Berrios and Belgian Jean Sneyers—although not as convincingly as did Bassey.

Like a true champion he can take it as well as dish it out. But he has never had to take what Bassey can hand out. And if he gets on the receiving end of one of those special left hooks nothing may save him—neither the cheering of his supporters nor any rule interpretation of the referee.

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### WEST GERMAN SOCCER

Hanover, June 23. Nearly 80,000 people saw Borussia Dortmund retain the West German Football Championship here today by beating Hamburger Sportverein by four goals to one.

Borussia led 3-1 at half-time.—Reuter.

## AROUND HOLLYWOOD

# James Cagney Trades His Status As An Actor For Director

By RON BURTON

Hollywood. The biggest box office star these days to trade his status as an actor for director is Jimmy Cagney. Many persons were surprised when they heard about it because the move came without warning.

He's working now on "Short Cut to Hell" and says that he's doing his best to see how it feels behind a camera.

Orson Welles did the switch a long time ago and since then has been alternating in positions as director, actor and writer. In current personnel Dick Powell is probably the most important in the star-director department of Hollywood. There's no question at all as to his competency and his having established himself.

Robert Montgomery is a parallel case, but his directing made its big impression in television. There's no indication that he wouldn't do as well in motion pictures, but apparently he's too busy right now in TV and other activities in the East.

### SOME OTHERS

Anthony Quinn, twice an Academy Award winner as supporting actor, is hot on the trail now of a best director award. He'll direct "The Buccaneer" with Anna Magnani.

Cornel Wilde is another who is showing his versatility these days. One picture is his own production which he directs. He also wrote the screen play for the picture "The Devil's Hairpin"—and stars in it.

In somewhat similar status is Burt Lancaster, who is a top actor and a full-time producer who also has directed one of his own pictures.

Frank Sinatra and Henry Fonda probably will join the actor-to-director club any day now. Jerry Lewis also may give it a try.

There are two stars, however, who aren't interested, which means this isn't quite an industry-wide trend. They are Clark Gable and Jimmy Stewart.

"I have enough trouble just acting—I shouldn't take on directing," Stewart said.

American history is the subject that really was in focus recently at Disney Studios.

Producers of "Johnny Tremain" found themselves doing lots of checking in the interests of historical accuracy. They also found themselves learning some mighty strange things about modern prices.

"Johnny Tremain," a story of the American Revolution from the eyes of two teenagers, first off required building a huge set to represent Boston Tea Party scenes.

The climactic scenes, on the other hand, were outdoors since they were to be the battles of Lexington and Concord. Disney personnel located a ranch area near the studios which resembled rolling hills which resembled areas where the battles were actually fought.

The chief overseer of the entire accuracy effort was Robert Stevenson, English-born director who is a top student of American history. He supervised virtually every scene of the Redcoats and Minutemen in their fighting which began with the famous "shot heard 'round the world."

### TEA IS SAVED

The story even shows the guerrilla strategy used by the colonials at Concord which later resulted in the British retreat to Boston.

One of the odds and ends which came up in the course of production concerns the relative prices of tea and sawdust.

Stevenson needed 40 sacks of sawdust—dried red—to represent the tea in the tea party. Studio technicians told him it would cost more to obtain sawdust and dye it than it would to purchase tea.

The astonished director told his assistants to go ahead and order 2,000 pounds of Indian tea.

The tea was put in 40 heavy muslin sacks for later tossing overboard by the Bostonians. But none of it was wasted.

Stevenson put a large, heavy cloth behind the ship in what would have been water. The cloth caught all the tea.

"We didn't want to lose any of it," he said. "We were all strangely reluctant to waste any or let any escape."

Total realism does not spell box office success, according to film maker Leo McCarey, who has picked up three Academy Awards in his career.

"The subject matter of a picture can be so very important in determining whether it will be a success," McCarey said. "So often we hear that television is blame for a nationwide slump in theatre receipts. This may be true, but only as a contributing factor. A main contributing

factor is poor choice of subject for a picture.

"The scary side of the street can be the basis for a fine, fine drama, but we shouldn't forget that the purpose of Hollywood pictures is to entertain—not to reveal, preach and so forth. If we make an educational film for botany classes, it's an educational film. But we're in the entertainment business and so should select our subject carefully."

McCarey thinks Hollywood went overboard in tiding off-beat subjects in recent years. Violence, sadism and other vicious impulses were present too often in too many pictures, he believes. These things are repugnant to the average American and thus can't be classified as entertainment, according to McCarey.

### NO MESSAGES

"Happily, future production schedules indicate that we're returning to the policies of past periods when we did best by depicting the more pleasant aspects of our everyday life," McCarey said. "Frankly, I look forward—for a change—to the pictures coming up in the next few years as entertainment material. I understand themes will be based on the American family, the western type of adventure and so forth."

McCarey sees a bit of nativism in our taste for pictures touching on "Americanism." He thinks there's a connection with international tensions and bickering, and he also thinks there's more interest now in our way of life than ever before.

He thinks that he may help his regain some of their lost lustre with a new one called "An Affair to Remember." Some of McCarey's past pictures were "Going My Way," "The Awful Truth" and "Belles of St. Mary's."

"Some people think every film should have a message," he said. "I think its mission is to entertain and the fact that we're going to do just that is the best message we can deliver to audiences."

Judy Tyler shows her frantic side in "Boy Girl Goes Calypso," which is a musical film combining rock 'n' roll and calypso elements.

The singer is a reasonable facsimile of perpetual musical motion as she drives herself through the musical numbers with an energy a basketball player would like to have.

But the gentle side of Miss Tyler, who is making her film debut, is seen in her interest in animals. She is quite an authority on the care and feeding of poodles—particularly her three poodles.

"I call them poodles and not French poodles," she said. "You don't need the word 'French' there and, besides, it's regarded as incorrect by some poodle lovers. A poodle is a poodle—if he's from somewhere, then call him French or American or Spanish. Poodles are poodles, if you see what I mean."

Young Miss Tyler has a fine cross-section of poodles. She has the smallest or toy poodle, the medium or miniature poodle and the standard or large, un-economical size.

They're all black," said raven-haired Miss Tyler. "The toy is called Hamlet. I named him that because of the way he's always looking out of my car window and generally hamming it up."

The miniature is SuSu, because she just looked like a SuSu. I liked the sound of the word. The large guy is Monsieur Pampadour."

Miss Tyler said she always has had pets and will continue to. She said she likes to have them but won't tolerate any foolishness on their part.

"They're going to be ladies and gentlemen and well-mannered. If they're my dogs," she said. "I demand this. When I tell my dog to lie down, I expect him to lie down."

The energetic, bouncy vocalist-actress said she goes along fine with her hounds.

"They're fine, Dad," she said. "No backtalk. It's crazy."

If you're lucky enough to be around Universal-International Studios at the right time, you might see Lana Turner wearing the same sweater that helped launch her film career.

Miss Turner, who's the first to admit that sweaters have done right by her, isn't superstitious about this important sweater. However, she does believe that she should wear it to the studio at least once during the filming of each picture.

That's why U-I workers are expecting to see her soon in the sweater which made her famous in "They Won't Forget." It was a so-called throwaway part, but it threw the budding actress into a flock of good parts eventually—via more sweaters, of course.

Miss Turner, now at U-I for "The Lady Takes a Flyer," says she'll wear her sweater "soon" to the studio. Of course, she'll have to change into costume before she starts work.

"I'm not the least bit superstitious, honest," she said. "I just feel that the sweater has been lucky for me."

Miss Turner said a sweater can be a hindrance as well as a help. Later, she found she had trouble getting out of her sweater and into less sensational attire. She finally got a chance to use her acting ability instead of just her appearance.

In her present role, she's a real glamour girl who has about 20 costume changes which include a slip and a bathing suit.—United Press.

### NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

- Dancing role
- Business house
- Shakespearean heroine
- Act without words
- Adaptor
- Such station
- This fall
- One of the arts
- Comely
- Feeling
- Circular movements
- Famous garden
- From Europe or Asia

Solution on Page 9

Letters in circles spell out my name: **W H O A M I**

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### WEST GERMAN SOCCER

Hanover, June 23. Nearly 80,000 people saw Borussia Dortmund retain the West German Football Championship here today by beating Hamburger Sportverein by four goals to one.

Borussia led 3-1 at half-time.—Reuter.

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# MONEY RATES TO BE HIKED? GREYS LANGUISH AS FABRICS

By JOHN MORKA

### Considering

## Lured Away

So far, however, those at the New York convention are said to be reluctant to take the initiative in boosting the prime rate pending action by the Federal Reserve Board on a change in the rediscount rate. They

—**Boston Wool Dealer**

Wool prices the world over are in a danger zone at present, and are turning to wool.

New York, June 23.

### ADDITION

The American list headed by General Motors, Standard Oil (NJ), Ford Motor, US Steel and General Electric in the order. Fortune said that despite the fact that the US "industrial giants" had their best year ever in 1956, their sales and earnings performance was relatively poor compared to the smaller competitors. — United Press.

**New York, June 23.**

**QUICKENED**

Market analysts said

Sporadic buying developed in some grey goods fabrics, but the sum total was disappointing. New interest was stifled as

Man-made textiles reported strong tone in grey goods with mills in a well sold-up position through the third quarter. Some rayon fabrics were reported in tight supply for quick delivery.

US Cotton

## **WITHDREW**

Despite the inactivity, mills maintained a firm attitude on prices, pointing to the rise in

raw cotton, and administration assurance of a high government support price for new crop raw cotton. Some private sources figure the government price-prop might be balked around \$3 a bale over last year.

**Washington, June 23.**

A few European countries had increased restrictions during the past few months, the report noted, but these, it said, were exceptional cases. Most European countries had made appreciable progress towards a more liberal system of trade and payments.																									
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## Our Own Correspondent

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the unofficial exchange market morning at the following rates:-

U.S. dollar	(per \$1)	1
Sterling notes	(per £1)	1
Australian notes	(per £1)	1
Indonesian rupiah	(per 100)	1
Siam tical	(per 100)	1
Singapore (Straits)		1

**London, June 23.**

Apparently it can't be finished before the middle of next week.

**BOOMLET**

The South African boomlet in gold shares lifted the Financial Times index from 93.7 at the end of May to a peak on June 10 of 100.7. The boomlet was not un-

tion-assented all gained £1 did also the Young Le assented.

The Czech loan was another active one with a gain, final of 22½ to £98½ sterling.

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known industries, which, it is hoped, still have no indications of a decline in them. Shares of John Warner, a department store, scored 13 shillings while those of Ulsteramer, an oil company, rose 8/-, and those of the American Consolidated, a veterans' gold finance house—rose six shillings.

Scramble for department store and chain store shares was the only really clear trend visible. In addition to John Warner,

in 24 hours, the market down exchange selling but it was very successful. In the there were losses ranging between 12/6d. and 7/6d.; medium-term and long-term bonds lost a shade, and their 1957 lows.

Dollar stocks were man down in step with Wall Street but the premium cost for a rose 1/2 to 3/4 per cent.

—United Press

Singapore June 23

He said sometimes arbitrai  
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As a result buyers took opportunity of putting in "a

Mr Tan said they had been encouraged to do this by the Singapore Rubber Shippers' Packing Control Ordinance established in 1953, to see that rubber shipped from Malaysia was in good order.

The Malayan Rubber Export Registration Board, which administers the Ordinance and has power to cancel the licences of sellers, Mr Tan returned to Singapore yesterday with three of its delegates of the Singapore Rubber Traders' Association—R. Tan,

## STRENGTH

### GUESSES

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cent of parity. Statisticians using the latest parity price, 39 cents a pound, found that the average price was 36.5 percent of 60 per cent parity, or result in a loss of around 33.5 cents a pound for middling linseed. The average price was 37.4 cents against 37.4 cents for the 1934 crop, an increase of 41 points, or \$4.96 a bale. Some quote that the current market price for discolored linseed is 30 cents, or even a possible 34 per cent of parity.

US consumption of raw cotton in May reached 972,700 bales against 713,200 bales used. May last year, the census bureau reported, was the fourth month of the season, reaching 7,449,125 bales against 7,767,700 bales for the same period a year.—United Press.



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## CANE AND GAOL SENTENCE FOR ROBBERS

### Fierce Struggle In Nathan Rd Shop Recounted

Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions in the Supreme Court this morning sentenced Tsoi Lap-kwok to five years and Chan Hon to four and a half years for robbing the proprietor of a shop at 31D Nathan Road.

The Judge also ordered eight strokes of the cane and two years of Police supervision for the two accused.

Tsoi and Chan pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery with aggravation. They denied a further charge of wounding the complainant, Wong Hok-fai. A Jury was empanelled to acquit them of that charge when the Crown offered no evidence on it.

Mr M. Morley-John, Crown Counsel, said that the complainant returned to his shop just after midnight on February 21 and was attacked by the two accused who seemed to have been lying in wait for him.

There was a fierce struggle but the two accused eventually overpowered Wong and bound and gagged him.

They broke into the shop till and made off with \$549, leaving behind \$24.30. They also took a fountain pen.

The complainant freed himself after a while and called the Police. They arrested the two accused soon after. The first accused had \$245 in his purse and the second had \$304 on him. A knife was also found.

### EUROPEAN ON THEFT CHARGES

The case against Peter Hughes, a civil servant who faced three counts of theft, was transferred to the District Court at Kowloon.

Hughes, a mechanical inspector Class 1 of the Government Slipway, Yauwatt, denied the charges when he came before Judge W. T. Charles this morning.

Hearing was fixed for July 22.

The three charges were in respect of the alleged theft of a sheet of paper on April 10, a rubber box on April 1 and another rubber box on the same day. The items are Government property.

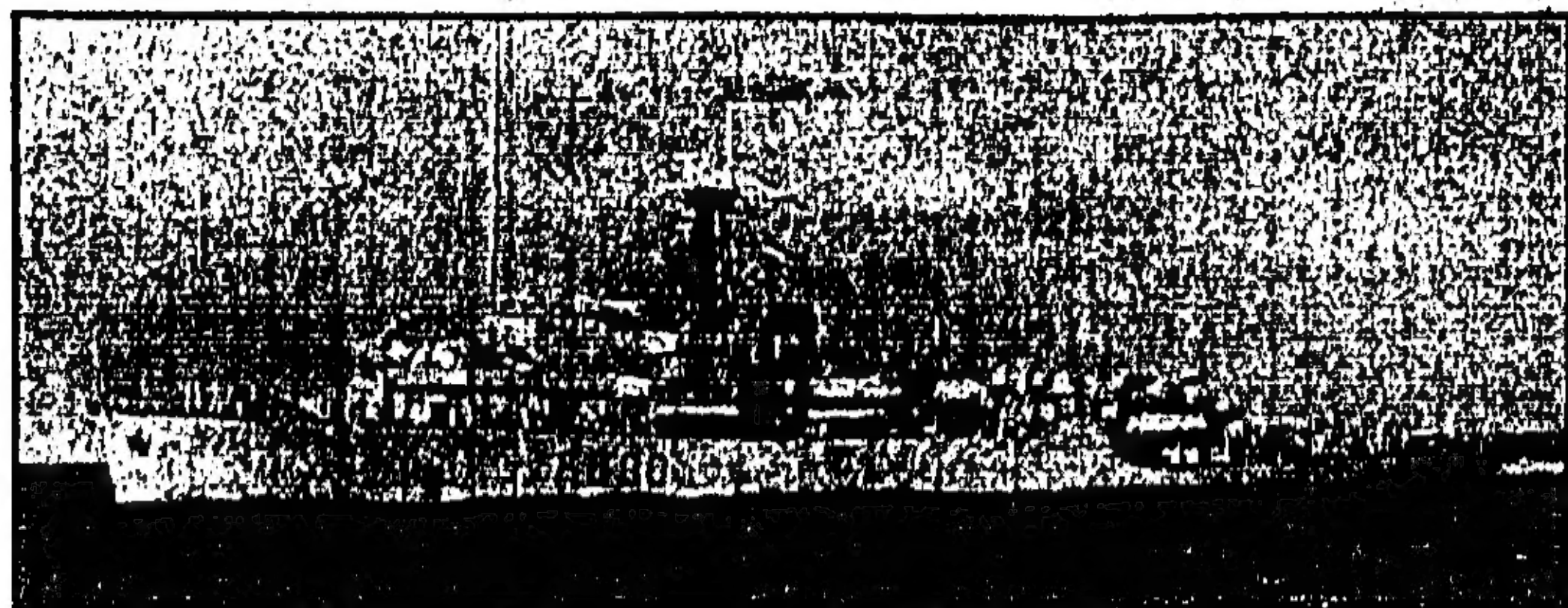
Hughes, aged 37 and residing at Flat 6 at No. 2 Forfar Road, is represented by Mr Gordon Hampton of Messrs Hastings and Co. He was granted bail of \$250 on condition he surrendered his passport.

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### CARDIGAN BAY WILL TAKE HK VISITORS



### Commodore Going On Official Visit To Macao

By A China Mail Reporter

A Royal Navy frigate and four motor launches will sail to Macao on Thursday to take Hongkong's new Commodore on an official call to the Governor of Macao.

The frigate, HMS Cardigan Bay, will fly the Commodore's broad pennant. On board will be Commodore G. D. A. Gregory and Mrs Gregory, the Commodore's Secretary, Lt. Commander T. Homan and Mrs Homan and the Flag Lieutenant, Lt. M. Barrow.

#### STAYING TWO DAYS

They will stay in Macao two days.

On the first day they will be met by the Macao Governor, Commander Pedro Correia de Barros and the second day Commodore Gregory will return the hospitality on board Cardigan Bay.

"A very full social programme has been arranged," a Royal Navy spokesman said this morning.

Cardigan Bay and its motor launch escort will return to Hongkong on Saturday.

#### IN CHINA STATION

Both Commodore Gregory and Commander de Barros were Naval midshipmen at the same time.

Commodore Gregory was a midshipman aboard the County-class cruiser HMS Cornwall in the China station 18 years ago and Commander de Barros, a Naval pilot, joined the Portuguese Navy in 1929 and completed his cadet training three years later.

### Four Months' Gaol For Triad Man

A hawker was given four months' gaol and placed under Police supervision for two years by Mr T. Creedon at Kowloon Court this morning for being a member of a triad society.

The defendant, Ng Hung-chiu, 26, of 526 Nathan Road, third floor, was arrested in Canton Road on May 8. He claimed he was forced to join the illegal society for protection.

The four-month sentence is to date from May 8, the day of his arrest.

### Charged With Demanding Money With Menaces

Committal proceedings began this morning at Central Court against a 26-year-old factory worker who is charged with demanding \$2,000 with menaces, before Mr Simon F. S. Li.

The defendant, Cheung Kwai-ling, 26, a factory worker living at 636 La Cheung Uk Road, settlement Area, third floor, is charged with uttering a letter the contents of which he knew, and with it he demanded \$2,000 from Yip Tong, with menaces and without reasonable and proper cause, on March 2, in Kowloon.

### Edwards' Appeal Continues

Counsel for the respondent this morning continued his reply before the Full Court to a preliminary point raised by Mr W. S. Edwards, a former assessor of the Inland Revenue Department, in his appeal against a decision of Mr Justice A. D. Scholes.

The case arises out of a claim for damages by Mr Edwards against Mr K. M. Almas, Assistant Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

The point raised by Mr Edwards on Friday was an application in his notice of motion to call the Hon. E. B. David (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. C. B. Burgess (Acting Colonial Secretary), and Mr P. D. A. Chiddell (Acting Commissioner of Inland Revenue) for examination in Court.

In the alternative, Mr Edwards asked that an affidavit made by Mr David be withdrawn, since Mr David was not at present in the Colony.

#### CONFLICTING JUDGMENTS

Mr Edwards' appeal is against a decision of Mr Justice Scholes who had ruled that a document which Mr Edwards had asked to be produced was privileged.

Mr Edwards is conducting his own case.

The respondent, Mr Almas, is represented by Mr Arthur Hooton, QC, Solicitor-General, and Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel.

Continuing his submissions from Friday, Mr McRobert said that the first question was whether these were interlocutory or final proceedings.

This was a question, he said, which in the past had a number of conflicting judgments. Crown Counsel said that in this particular case the matter was set down for hearing on a point of law and the point of law raised by the defendant in his defence had been determined by the Judge, and the whole action was dismissed on the authority of the case (quoted by Crown Counsel) and it appeared that this was a final order.

#### ONE MATTER

On the second question, Crown Counsel submitted that the jurisdiction of the Full Court was limited to a dealing with a point of law. He drew the Court's attention to the original order of the Judge in Chambers setting down this matter for hearing.

"It is my submission that this Court has jurisdiction only to determine one matter and one matter only, and that is the point of law which was set down for hearing by the order of the Judge in Chambers," said Mr McRobert.

Hearing is continuing.

### Thefts From Cars

A camera was stolen from a private car parked in Causeway Road yesterday.

The Police have obtained a report of a handbag containing cash, a wrist and a string of pearls from a private car parked outside the Peak Tram Station at about 5 p.m. yesterday.

### 'Complete Menace To Society' Gets Five Years

Sentencing Lam Foon to five years, 12 strokes of the cane and two years of Police supervision, Mr Justice C. W. Reece called him "a complete menace to society," at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

His Lordship remarked, on noting Lam's police record, that as soon as he was out of prison, he was convicted again.

Lam was tried at the Supreme Court for snatching a purse containing \$178, three keys and a handkerchief from a Chinese woman.

According to Senior Crown Counsel, Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, the woman, Chow Sau-nui, was a housewife living in Shanghai Street. She was out shopping on the afternoon of March 31 in the market area of Canton Road.

#### SNATCHING BID

The accused tried to snatch the purse from her hand and she struggled with him and fell to the ground, hurting her ankle and a finger. He eventually managed to get the purse away from her and ran off with the woman chasing him.

Her cries attracted the attention of a man named Mo Shing who then joined in the chase.

A Police patrol car came along and several policemen alighted to help. At one stage the accused turned round and made a move as if to throw a brick, but he did not do so. When he was caught the Police found the purse in his hand.

The accused, giving evidence, denied everything. He said that he was walking in Bute Street when he saw the witness, Mo Shing, talking to a number of policemen beside a patrol car. Then all of a sudden the Police made him stop for a search.

#### ILL-FEELING

They found nothing on him except his personal belongings. A policeman went into a side lane and came out with a purse. Another policeman picked up a brick from the road.

They pressed him to confess to the crime, saying he would be beaten in the police station if he did not.

The accused alleged that there was some ill-feeling between him and the witness Mo Shing whom he met four years ago in a mahjong school.

The Jury found him guilty without retiring and the Judge remarked that there was not a shadow of doubt about it.

#### BAD RECORD

Mr Blair-Kerr disclosed that the accused had a very bad record which began from 1951. He was convicted of three similar offences, thefts, wounding, breach of deportation and larceny. He had not been very long out of prison before he committed the present offence.

"You seem to specialise in this particular type of offence," Mr Justice Reece told the accused, adding that he was lucky he was not charged with robbery this time as he had used violence on the woman.

### FINED \$400

Wong Lam, 30, a metal worker of 8 Larch Street, ground floor, was fined \$400 by Mr T. Morris at Kowloon this morning for permitting his vehicle to be used while not being covered by third party insurance.

Another man, Lam Ching-chuen, 34, a store keeper, of 240 Sai Yeung Choi Street, who was charged with driving an uninsured vehicle, was fined a similar amount.

Inspector J. P. Wilson said private car 2233481 was involved in an accident at the junction of Shanghai Street and Shantung Street on June 21 and as a result, of inquiry, it was found that the car's third party insurance had expired on May 18 and the owner had not renewed the policy.

In addition to the fine, both defendants were disqualified from driving for 12 months.

### European Objects To Jury Service

A European objected to Jury service in the Supreme Court this morning.

He was picked to serve on a Jury trying a man for robbery.

He told Mr Justice C. W. Reece: "I do not feel I am morally bound to try my fellow men."

The Judge asked him whether he meant he was not intellectually capable of judging his fellow men and he answered "No."

"If this is how you feel about yourself, I would be the last person to have you sit in judgment upon your fellow men," Mr Justice Reece said.

He advised the man to see the Registrar about having his name removed from the Jury List.

### Not Enough Life Saving Appliances

For breach of licence conditions—insufficient life saving appliances—a 52-year-old woman, Kok Kau was fined \$30 by Mr D.L.P. Edwards at the Marine Court this morning.

In the afternoon of June 22, Cpl 3515, officer in charge of Police Launch No. 15 intercepted defendant's junk at Sulphur Channel.

As a result of a routine check it was found that six of the ten life jackets on board were unserviceable. Sub-Inspector Y. P. Leung prosecuted.

### SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You'll have to admit you wouldn't worry one bit about your weight if I didn't keep reminding you!"

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JOHN CLARKES CASEBOOK

### THE LONG VACATION

THEY emigrated to Australia in 1950, Eve and her husband. They both had good jobs here and sailed away to better ones over the seas. They did so well there that in seven years they were able to raise return fares to England and to provide for a leisurely holiday.

#### NEW EXES

BACK here they did the rounds of visiting relatives and exploring with new eyes old scenes which once had seemed drab and workaday, to which seven years' separation lent sweet enchantment. From Shropshire, where their homes were, to London, the couple travelled, enjoying themselves.

A week of their holiday was left when Eve said one day that she thought she would like to spend a morning in the West End shops. Not to buy anything, she reassured her husband, just to look.

#### SHE WAS CAUGHT

SHE went to the West End, and she forsook her buying things as she said she would. But in one store she stole three pairs of gloves, a scarf, and pair of gloves. She was caught.

At Bow Street Eve, near to collapse, pleaded guilty to her thefts and the tale of them was told to Mr Gerald Rice. The court maitre stood by her, with a tin cup of water in one hand and her other hand outstretched to support Eve.

#### I HAD A FEELING

"THIS lady is of perfectly good character," a policeman said. "She is 47 years old, and when she was arrested she said 'Oh dear, I had a feeling this would happen.'"

Faintly, Eve said, as if telling of a fearful dream: "In the shop I saw the young man, the detective, looking at me, and I couldn't stop stealing, I couldn't stop. I couldn't think of more to say about the terrible morning."

"The temptation to steal is one that is easily resisted," said the magistrate.

Eve had nothing to say to that. She was fined £10, and she went away. Soon she would be aboard ship, Australia-bound, with memories of England for company, a host of memories all sourced by one, the way good apples on a shelf are spoiled by one bad apple among them.